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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF SOVIET CORRESPONDENT TO SAN  
FRANCISCO

REF: MOSCOW 514

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DEPT'S RECEIPT OF REFTEL, SOVEMBASSY  
PRESS COUNSELOR KAMENEV CALLED ON EUR/SOV DIRECTOR  
GARRISON TO PROPOSE OPENING OF TWO-MAN TASS BUREAU IN  
SAN FRANCISCO IN RETURN FOR TWO-MAN UPI BUREAU LENINGRAD.  
KAMENEV GAVE DEPARTMENT COPIES OF RECENT CORRESPONDENCE  
BETWEEN ZAMYATIN AND UPI PRESIDENT BEATON ABOUT PROPOSAL  
(COPIES POUCHED TO P AND C BENSON).

2. KAMENEV SAID VISA APPLICATION FOR KOMSOMOLSKAYA  
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PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT OREKHOV TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO STILL

STANDS, AND SOVEMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT "SEPARATE QUESTION".

3. IN TELCON WITH DEPARTMENT, BEATON INDICATED THAT CONSIDERABLE DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT WITH ZAMYATIN BEFORE MAKING PERSONNEL SELECTIONS AND ARRIVING AT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OPENINGS. PROBABLE PLAN WOULD BE TO TRANSFER UPI MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT TO LENINGRAD BUT REPLACE HIM IN MOSCOW WITH NEW MAN FROM US. BEATON CONFIRMED THAT, AS REFLECTED IN CORRESPONDENCE, UPI ENVISIONS THAT IT WOULD USE TASS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN LENINGRAD WHILE TASS SAN FRANCISCO WOULD USE UPI WIRES TO NEW YORK. UPI IS AS YET UNDECIDED ABOUT SENDING ANY SECOND STAFFER AS DESIRED BY TASS.

4. IF SOVIETS INQUIRE ABOUT (A) PROPOSED UPI-TASS ARRANGEMENT OR (B) OREKHOV VISA, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT MATTERS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT.

5. FYI IN VIEW OF RECIPROCAL USE OF FACILITIES UNDER PROPOSED UPI-TASS ARRANGEMENT, IT WOULD NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO LINK OREKHOV'S CASE WITH UPI EXPANSION TO LENINGRAD. ALSO, DEPARTMENT FEELS SOVIETS HAVE MET OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST LINKED TO OREKHOV APPLICATION THAT US CORRESPONDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO SAN FRANCISCO WITHOUT OBTAINING SPECIFIC PERMISSION FOR SUCH TRAVEL. WE TENTATIVELY PLAN TO CONSIDER UPI-TASS ARRANGEMENT AND OREKHOV CASE AS SEPARATE QUESTIONS, BUT QUESTION OF TIMING IN LIGHT OF OVERALL CONTEXT OF US-USSR RELATIONS IS IMPORTANT FACTOR. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' COMMENTS. SISCO

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